

Our G[od]ly G[od]d. for Re[n]d[ing] Justice. My land Somerfor [unclear] 22 October
1689. agt. Complain is this day to will of M. day of October
Agnes Riggan. Scm[.] and anu, 1690. made by John Matthew in the behalf
of his Mother law Mary Riggan, that it be say
that he wife standing at his very late affirms it and premises of Regulating his notorious Crimes and
wrongs and inhumanity towards his said wife, which in the present of my self, and some others to do
what he own for his wife, but caused her children to be his, and many other Barbarous and vise actions
and he has threatned and proof ready. Yet harriug her life threatened y[ou]r. This woman was willing to see and
do further, rather than see the ruin of her family, if there might be any hope, but he said that he
and Bill intended her, that of her life she dote, her pair y[ou]r. and therefore in their
w[ill] to will and regard as also to charge and command you will i[n]am: Matthew that immediately you take the
said Riggan Scm[.] to appear before me to answer his above said complaint, and y[ou]r summons as well the
said Mary Riggan, as Samuel Collins, Edward Pittinson, and Edward: Nichols Esquires, and her self y[ou]r
not to fail as y[ou] will answer his complaint at your peril. Given under my hand and seal the day & year
said in the second year of King Ma. Riggan — c[on]tra f[ac]ta: Jenkins. S. sealed —
John Matthew who is especially appointed to see this warrant.

Actus et Actus

The deposition of Edward Pittinson agt 25 years or there about. His Dponent saith y[ou]t
Being at the house of Jaques Riggan sonne of Morumster the 7th day of October 1689. after night
the said Jaques took occasion to quarrel w[th] his wife, calling her bad, bitter and whore, of bountiness
is she not to come into his house that night, sh[e] going out of his door, he took in hand a piece of wood, about
4 or 5 squares and is inter 3 long and did heave it at her with great force but it happened to fall short about
a foot of her, and with his force that it hit the ground made it rebound above a foot above the ground, after
which he bid his wife came to his chamber doore, asking him if he would let her putt her children to bed and
she would not misuse her, he told her she might come and lay there, for he would take day light to bany her. His wif
sh[e] showed her arms where wood made blant by his pinches (as sh[e] said) he then told her, if she had not mad
all of her way he would have made her buttors blant, calling her of bountiness as before mentioned. sh[e] desiring
not her a maintenanc[e] if sh[e] could not live quietly with him, he answered sh[e] might go live a whore, for out
is as good to him as another, asking her where was her certificate where sh[e] was married telling her her
husband after this there was complaint made to Mr. Grantham who issued out a warrant to search the
said Jaques before him to answer his said complaint, Jaques Riggan aforesaid answered his said complaint
affirmation that he would none his wifes of life, and he said to his wife sh[e] was discharged, the morrow being
of October he fell into the same streams of passion with his wife, calling her harlot & whore and other bas
praises, striking her out or more upon the face with several other abuse. O

The deposition of Samuel Collins about 43 years of age. His Dponent saith that Being at work
at the house of Jaques Riggan sonne of Morumster upon the 4th day of October Anno 1689. after
midnight he saw Jaques Riggan quarrelled with his wife Mary Riggan, calling her of bountiness, bad
and whores, and turned her out of doore, warning her not to come into his house that night, sh[e] going out
of doore he took in his hands a piece of wood of about 4 Inter 3 square or there about, and about 18 inches long
it should giveth, and did heave it at her with great force, but it happened to fall short about half a foot
with his force that it hit the ground made rebound about a foot from the ground, after that he went to
Mary, rained to his chamber doore asking him if he would lett her putt her children to bed, and if he would
let her live she might come and lay there, for he would take day light to bany her or no
the next morning being a bed with young Jaques Riggan and Edward Pitt
in his bed where wood blant aint, who